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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1907.

"The two greatest authors of tragedy," says a Kansas editor, "are Shakespeare and whiskey."

In Madison county there are only 639 acres of land subject to entry under the national homestead laws

In the re-organization of the Railroad Commission last week Hon. R. Hudson Burr was selected as chairman.

The average annual pay of the Florida school teacher is \$209.67. A State convict brings \$207.70, says the Palatka Times Herald. It is consoling to learn that the school teacher is the most valued, anyhow.

Last year 16,937 persons were killed by the railroads in the United States. In England 35. Think of the difference and then throw your hat in the air and yell loud and long for our great country—ahead in everything.

Senator Mallory authorizes the Leesburg Commercial to state that he will be a candidate to succeed himself as United States Senator in the primary of 1908. And from present indications the Senator will have plenty of company.

We sympathize with our sister town, Mayo, in the distress which she suffers because of a fire last week which destroyed several buildings. Madison has learned thoroughly the lesson which fires bring and because we too have suffered we know how to sympathize.

We are in receipt of the initial number of Wharton's Magazine, published by the Gateway Publishing Co. at Lake City, and of which Rev H. M. Wharton is editor. The volume while small is neatly and artistically designed typographically and its pages are filled with excellent reading. We wish the magazine, its editor and publishers, a full measure of success.

A correspondent writing from Augusta says: "The new Georgia and Florida Railway Co. will certainly prove a success, as it is authoritatively stated that sufficient capital is at hand to push the construction of the road to a finish, and within a year trains may be operating from here direct to Florida." Let's see. Didn't we hear something like this several months ago? And yet the Valdosta Southern part of the system has shown no improvement at all, the roadbed is in about the same condition, the rolling stock is just a little the worse for wear and the trains come into Madison with a disregard for schedule time that would be funny if it was not aggravating. But the trains most always leave this end on the minute and arrive in Valdosta nearly on schedule time. Can you tell us why?

Attorney General Ellis has made the application and the Supreme Court has granted a writ of Mandamus against the Atlantic Coast Line by which that corporation is given until the 28th inst. to show cause why it should not put its roadbed, equipment, tracks, etc., in reasonable repair and perform the duties of a common carrier. Now it is up to General Bill to make good his charges and we believe he'll succeed. Here's hoping, anyhow.

Adhemar Brady of Brevard county certainly believes in taking a long and firm grip on the forelock of time. In the last week's issue of the Cocoa News appears an announcement of the candidacy of that gentleman for the State Senate in the election of 1908. He's an "early bird" for true, but if he doesn't be careful some larger bird will appear upon his political horizon some time next year and gobble him up.

The philosopher who fills the column known as the "Old Man's Corner" in Jordan's Cotton Journal hits the nail squarely on the head, drives it home and clinches it on the other side in the lines following—and these lines are particularly applicable just now in a little town in Florida called Madison. Just read and see if you don't agree. He writes: "We are curious folks down south here. We sure do love to brag on our glorious history, our fine climate (just as if we made it), our beautiful women, our important place in the business of the world by virtue of the cotton crop, and then our lumber and naval stores and rice and sugar and iron and coal. All this brag is for publication, but you let the tax collector come along and watch us squeal. Let some enterprising brother get up a great movement of any kind FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE PEOPLE which is going to cost a little money an ain't going to pay QUICK CASH DIVIDENDS and see how a great silence will fall—you might cut it with a knife it will be so dense."

Some Good Advice.

GREENVILLE, FLA., JAN. 12, 1907. EDITOR NEW ENTERPRISE:—

We most heartily agree with Mr. T. Randall in his article on the question of the Sea Island Cotton Association as appears in your issue of 10th. He very truly puts it: "They got overloaded with politicians," referring to the Farmer's Alliance and the Grangers.

This was not wholly the cause of the downfall of these institutions, but commercialism had its effect; in fact, many believe that this, together with the inexperience of their store keepers and graft of its commercial agents and directors, all contributed to the undoing of what promised to be an organization of great good. And unless a very strong protest is made the Cotton Association will fall in line and go the same way.

Just so soon as any organization eliminates the co-operation of the business men in any community just so soon do they fall to pieces. Merchants are a great help to the farmers; the banks are help to the merchant; the farmer—the mainspring to both. But just as sure as the farmer becomes imbued with the idea that he must cut off the middle man (the merchant) right then he is knocking out one of the mainstays. For it is clearly demonstrated that not everyone who says: "I can run the business," can prove good when tried. The history is behind it; experience tells the tale!

The Cotton Association has done what it set out to do—raised the price to a point at which they can produce the staple and live. Let them not be content with this good work, but let them prepare for all contingencies, and, if in their judgment, build sufficient storage to properly control the market and maintain an equal trade balance. But it is your duty as a paper-forming, as you do, one of the most potent factors in molding public opinion—to caution them against commercialism. They do not want to go into the mule, wagon, feed, flour, pork or fertilizer business. This is the merchant's field and can not, with safety, (to the association) be encroached upon. No merchant will continue an ardent supporter of any institution that presumes upon his right, and these are his rights. His is a legitimate business and he is entitled to a living—and few are making more than this today. Force him to withdraw his support by taking his line from him and you at once not only lose his support but breed opposition which is far worse. It is fatal!

Long live the Sea Island Association.

TACK IT UP.

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A Memorable Day.

One of the days we remember with pleasure, as well as with profit to our health, is the one on which we became acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, the painless purifier that cures bowels right. 25c. at B. F. Moseley drug store.

STATEMENT OF THE

Citizens Bank of Madison,

MADISON, FLORIDA,

JANUARY 8, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$216,912.00
Overdrafts.....	131.32
Madison County School Scrip.....	5,480.42
Vaults, Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,660.63
Cash on hand and due from Banks..	94,940.81
Total.....	\$322,125.18

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock Paid In.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	1,000.00
Undivided Profits (Net).....	12,912.44
Reserve for Taxes.....	971.50
Cashier's Checks Outstanding.....	480.82
Dividends Uncalled For.....	10.00
Deposits.....	256,750.42
Total.....	\$322,125.18

DEPOSITS JANUARY 8, 1907.

DEPOSITS NOVEMBER 22, 1906. [LAST STATEMENT]

INCREASE

\$256,750.42

207,398.75

\$49,351.67

The above statement is correct.

A. LIVINGSTON,

PRESIDENT.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Cluster effects are the most striking among the latest mesh veils.

Velours, velveteens and corduroy are much used for winter costumes for walking, traveling and skating.

Pink in all its tints remains one of the most fashionable and certainly one of the most becoming colors for the debutante.

Instead of lace motifs decorating the velvet and beaver hat, things are now reversed. Beaver ornaments or what the French call macaroons now stud lace hats.

Pale tinted moire silk draped with chiffon and trimmed with narrow bands of fur is among the very fashionable gowns worn by matrons at weddings and large receptions.

Bolero jackets of black silk renaissance lace are very useful to cover up a favorite waist slightly the worse for frequent wear. Under this charitable exterior it can enjoy a new lease of life.

CYNICISMS.

Every big man has a lot of little ways left over from his little days.

You may think you are right, but wouldn't you give a good deal at times to know it?

A critic is, first of all, a liar. He does not hesitate to tell an untruth to make a good point.

Beautiful Tree Snakes.

Among the most attractive of the many kinds of serpents are the delicate and beautiful tree snakes (dendrophis), which very rarely descend to the ground, as they find food enough among the birds and those frogs and lizards which also dwell in trees. The graceful form of the body, the elegance and rapidity of their movements and the exquisite beauty of their colors have excited the lively admiration of those who have had the good fortune to watch them in their native haunts. The larger kinds attain to a length of over five feet. They are frequently adorned with the brightest colors, green being however, generally the prevailing tint. They are active by day.

A Horned Snake.

A very handsome species of snake is the rhinoceros viper, which bears, as its name suggests, horns on its nose. It is most beautifully colored when freshly emerging from its cast skin, but its form is by no means elegant, being very thick in body, with a bulldoglike head. It may attain a length of more than six feet and is a very deadly animal.—Quarterly Review.

Unsympathetic.

"This is a cold, unfeeling world," he remarked bitterly. "Ha!" returned his companion. "You, too, have heard the ribald laugh when you slipped on a banana skin, have you?"

DUMAS AND HIS BARBER

Origin of the Practice of Speculating in Theater Tickets.

The practice of speculating in theater tickets, strange as it may appear, was started by the elder Dumas. He patronized a Paris barber named Porcher, and one day this worthy while shaving the novelist asked him why did not sell the tickets given him the managers of the theaters whose plays were produced.

"To whom could I sell them?" asked the author of the "Three Musketeers." "Why, to me, if you like," replied Porcher. "And what would you do with them?" asked Dumas. "That's no business," replied the barber, continuing to lather the bronzed face of the famous story teller.

"But I give you tickets whenever you ask for them," said Dumas. "Ah! Or two are not sufficient for my purpose," responded Porcher. "I must have all your tickets, and every day too." And you will pay for them, said the dramatist. "Cash," was the simple yet practical reply.

Dumas at that moment was very badly in need of money, so he at once concluded the bargain. Porcher, who shortly after this gave up shaving and cutting hair, made similar bargains with other authors and quickly became rich.

The Difference.

He was a man who was making a week and was having luncheon with his fiancée in an uptown restaurant. The lady ordered chicken salad, followed by black coffee and wafers. The man, who could have afforded everything on the bill and not felt a hole in his pocketbook, had consommé and Little Neck clams and drank water. The waiter got 10 cents.

A clerk who was kept busy earning his salary of \$18 took his sweetest to an expensive seaside resort. It took twenty minutes to decide what they wanted to eat. Finally the order came heaped high up on a large tray.

At the lady's place the waiter deposited roast beef, mashed potatoes, chicken croquettes, with peas, a salad of lettuce and potatoes and a cup of coffee.

The man, wondering how he could get a winter overcoat, ate a portion house steak, with mushrooms, fried potatoes, green corn and coffee. For dessert they had ice cream, fancy cakes, with more coffee. The waiter got a quarter.—New York Herald.

FOREIGN FACTS.

Austria's military police force is now provided with cork helmets.

One-fourth of the vagrants in Edinburgh are of Irish nationality.

Switzerland is to have still another connection with Italy, an electric railway from Coire to Arosa.